# USDA AMS Weekly Shell Egg Demand Indicator

(Calculated estimate of demand for shell eggs based on current production and on inventory clearance rate.)

# The Shell Egg Demand Indicator for this week is -10.20, down 3.5 points from last week.

### This Week:

Consumer demand for shell eggs continues to decline and is well below average. Wholesale prices for cartoned eggs are holding steady but supplies are moderate to heavy for moderate offerings. Interest is light to moderate and trading is slow to moderate. Prices for loose eggs are weak to lower with moderate offerings. Supplies are mixed and trading is mostly slow. Prices for breaking stock are lower. Supplies and offerings are in a balance and trading is moderate for normal schedules. The preliminary survey of retail outlets indicates a slowdown in feature activity with a continuing focus on specialty types. The average ad price rises sharply on the reduced activity.

#### Current U.S. Productive Table Egg Layer Flock -

U.S. table egg layer flock 324,926,089 (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report) Percentage flock in molt 1.5% (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)

Productive table egg layer flock **320,002,438** (total flock - (total flock \* molt))

## Current Table Egg Production for In-Shell Use -

(shell egg production less shell eggs for breaking stock)

Table egg layer rate 80.9% (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)

Total egg production 258,746,209 (total productive flock \* lay rate)

Total eggs into breaking stock 75,460,320 (29.16% of daily shell egg production to breakers)

Table eggs for in-shell use 183,285,889 (egg production \* (100% - % to breaking stock))

Table eggs for in-shell use (in cases) **509,127** (eggs for table use ÷ 360 eggs per case)

## Current Days of Shell Eggs on Hand for Marketing -

(shell egg inventory cases ÷ shell egg cases per day)

USDA shell egg inventory

Inventory cooperators % of U.S. flock

Shell egg cases produced each day

26-week rolling average of days on hand

Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing

1,700,700 30-dozen cases (from USDA Weekly Shell Egg Inventory report)

63.0% (shell egg inventory cooperators control 63% of productive flock)

320,750 (produced by inventory cooperators' flocks (daily production \* 63%))

(801,876 cases expected weekend (2.5 days) carryover)

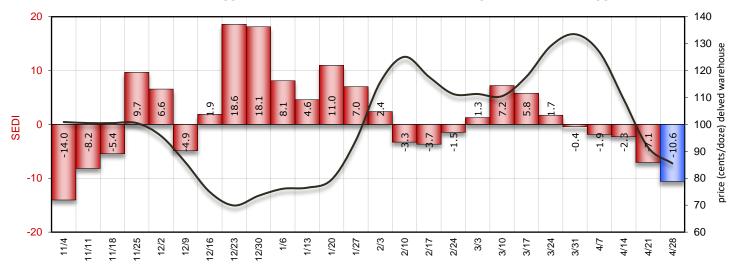
4.76 (average of the last 26 week's days of eggs on hand)

**5.30** (inventory ÷ cases produced per day)

#### **Shell Egg Demand Indicator**

-10.20 ((26-week average ÷ current days on hand) - 1) \* 100

# Shell Egg Demand Indicator vs. USDA Midwest Large Cartoned Shell Egg



Sources: USDA NASS Monthly Chicken and Eggs (pec-bb); Layers and Eggs: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type USDA AMS Livestock, Poultry and Grain Market News; SHELL EGGS: Weekly Shell Egg Inventory (Mon)

USDA AMS Livestock, Poultry and Grain Market News; PROCESSED EGGS: Weekly Eggs Processed Under Federal Inspection (Wed)

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